

## Appendix A

## Commonly Used Acronyms

- AAC ARMY ACQUISITION CORPS:** The AAC is a subset of the A&TWF. It is composed of individuals who have been accepted into the AAC in accordance with the DAWIA Chapter 87, 10 USC Section 1732 Eligibility Requirements and DOD 5000.52-M, Appendix M, Section L, dated November 1995. Members of the AAC have made a commitment to further develop and perfect their acquisition expertise. They are given enhanced training and educational opportunities, career guidance and challenging assignments.
- A&TWF Acquisition and Technology Workforce:** The personnel component of the acquisition system. The A&TWF includes permanent civilian employees and military members who occupy acquisition positions, who are members of the AAC, or who are in acquisition development positions.
- ACF Acquisition Career Field:** One or more occupations that require similar knowledge and skills. There are 13 acquisition career fields: Acquisition Logistics; Business, Cost Estimating and Financial Management; Information Technology; Contracting; Industrial/Contract Property Management; Production, Quality and Manufacturing; Program Management; Purchasing and Procurement Technician; Test and Evaluation; Auditing; Facilities Engineering; SPRDE-Science and Technology Manager; SPRDE-Systems Engineering.
- ACM Acquisition Career Manager:** The individual who provides career development guidance to A&TWF members throughout the regions.
- ACMA Acquisition Career Management Advocate:** A senior-level AAC member, chartered by the DACM and/or DDACM, located throughout areas where there are large concentrations of workforce members, who serve as advocates for the AAC.
- ACRB Acquisition Career Record Brief:** Formerly the Acquisition Civilian Record Brief. The ACRB is the authenticated record of an individual's education, training and acquisition assignment history.
- ASC Acquisition Support Center:** The former Acquisition Career Management Office (ACMO) and Army Acquisition Executive Support Agency (AAESA) have been consolidated to form the Acquisition Support Center (ASC). This reorganization combines related functions under a single management structure. The ASC will be the acquisition, contracting and logistics personnel proponent. The ASC will also perform tasks previously assigned to the Directory for Acquisition Career Management.
- CAP Critical Acquisition Position:** Those senior acquisition positions carrying significant responsibility involving supervisory or management duties required to be filled by individuals in the grade GS/GM-14 or O-5 and above.

- CDG Competitive Development Group:** The CDG is a team of high-potential acquisition professionals chosen to participate in a three-year program of specialized cross-functional training, education and advanced developmental assignments in the various acquisition fields.
- CE Corps Eligible:** The AAC CE status is a result of the AAC Reengineering Team's efforts to develop GS-13s and equivalent payband within the current resource-constrained environment and greatly reduce the time needed to determine AAC eligibility for those who are selected for a CAP. It should be noted, however, that CE status is not a prerequisite for selection into a CAP. Membership in the CE program will continue to be required for the CDG Program. CE membership is also a requirement for specific AAC position announcements and centralized boards, to include all Project and Product Management Boards.
- CEU Continuous Education Unit:** The Defense Acquisition University, as well as many training providers, uses CEUs as measures of academic credit. One CEU is equal to 10 CLPs.
- CLP Continuous Learning Points:** One continuous learning point is equal to approximately one hour of classroom instruction. The Continuous Learning Policy requires that A&TWF members shall earn a minimum of 80 CLPs every two years.
- DACM Director, Acquisition Career Management:** The individual responsible by law for implementation of A&TWF education, training and career development.
- DDACM Deputy Director, Acquisition Career Management:** The individual responsible by law for implementation of A&TWF education, training and career development for the Department of Army.
- DAWIA Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act:** The DAWIA is a law enacted to improve the overall effectiveness and professionalism of military and civilian personnel charged with the management and administration of defense acquisition programs.
- IDP Individual Development Plan:** The IDP is a critical document in identifying and tracking an acquisition professional's career objectives in the areas of experience, education and training. Each member of the A&TWF, military and civilian, is required to complete an IDP regardless of grade, payband, military rank, or certification. IDPs shall be updated on an annual basis during annual performance evaluation reviews.
- ORB Officer Record Brief:** An authenticated record of an individual's education, training and acquisition assignment history.
- SRPE Senior Rater Potential Evaluation:** A process whereby senior raters evaluate GS-13, GS-14 and GS-15 acquisition employees on their potential to successfully perform in positions of increased responsibility. This is accomplished by recording the senior raters judgment of the employee's "Leadership Effectiveness Competencies" on the Senior Rater Potential Factors Form.